

**In the abstract:**

A server transmits parking lot occupancy information over the Internet. The [Such] parking lot occupancy information is capable of being reproduced by a remote display device as a real-time representation of the parking lot indicating vacant parking spaces. [The real-time representation may be in the form of a textual listing, a graphical map, a video image, an Internet Web page or similar form.] When presented with the real-time representation of the parking lot, a commuter readily can [readily] locate an available parking space or decide to search for parking elsewhere.